



News Advisory

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BASE OPENS NEW LIFE SUPPORT FACILITY AND RENOVATED HOMES

What:

The base has accepted a new Life Support Facility and will hold a ceremony Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. to mark the occasion. This facility provides for all the life support equipment used by aircrews. In addition, about 20 homes from the Hunley Park housing contractor will be accepted Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. as part of a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony. News media are invited to interview airmen who live in these renovated homes. They also can talk with life support technicians who maintain everything from night vision goggles to oxygen masks for the aircrews.

Date and Time:

Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, 10 a.m. for the Life Support Facility and 11 a.m. for the renovated base homes. Call 963-5608 if you intent to cover.

Location:

Life Support Facility and Hunley Park Base housing area (News media must be at the Dorchester Road gate entrance no later than 9:45 a.m. for the Life Support Facility dedication and/or at the gate by 10:45 a.m. for the housing dedication ceremony. Events should end by 11:30 a.m.)

Why:

The base has already accepted about 20 of the 94 homes from the Hunley Park phase II housing renovations. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for 11 a.m. to commemorate this milestone in front of Senior Airman Christopher Ruiz home at 405A Michigan Ave. Ruiz was one of the first junior airmen to move into these renovated homes. All of the renovated homes will be used by junior enlisted personnel. The base has also awarded a contract to renovate another 46 homes in phase III, and will have about 214 homes completed by fiscal 2003. We will also cut the ribbon opening our new Life Support Facility, Bldg. 506 (across from the Military Personnel Flight building) at 10 a.m. The new \$4.1 million facility is about 28,000 square feet. About 40 life support members moved in this past weekend and are using the custom designed facility to issue and maintain life support equipment for our aircrews. The facility allows for easy storage of aircrew chemical defense assets and testing of night vision goggles. Life support also conducts essential training for our aircrews on combat, land and water survival.

Visuals:

Interviews of airmen and visuals of homes. Airmen maintaining aircrew equipment and tours of facilities.